



Building CHDO Capacity

HOME Program  Door Knocker Awards

State of Vermont CHDO Capacity Building Program

(community housing development organization)

Since the beginning of the HOME Program, the State of Vermont's CHDO capacity building efforts have been extraordinary. Under the leadership of the State and the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board, the entity selected by the State to administer its HOME Program, the CHDO network has grown from two nonprofits covering three counties to 10 CHDOs and several nonprofits covering the entire state. In the last ten years, the CHDOs have been responsible for the development of nearly 3,000 units of affordable housing, of which 1,000 are HOME units. More than half of the HOME-assisted projects have been developed in communities as small as 1,000 people, yet projects have also been undertaken in exclusive resort communities like Manchester and Vermont's largest city, Burlington. These projects have cleaned up brownfield sites, revitalized neighborhoods, and served people with extremely low incomes and disabilities. CHDOs play a vital role in executing the State's major housing-related goals as articulated in its Consolidated Plan: (1) providing decent housing, and (2) providing a suitable living environment. The plan for increased CHDO capacity occurred in three stages: creating and expanding the capacity of CHDOs to develop affordable housing; expanding the asset management capacity of CHDOs and other nonprofits; and expanding the capacity to manage high energy prices. The major activities for implementing this plan included outreach, financial support and incentives, training and targeted technical assistance, monitoring and evaluation, and troubleshooting and project workouts when necessary. This strategy for increasing CHDO capacity, coupled with the commitment to provide permanent affordability and serve the most vulnerable of populations, has resulted in affordable housing in every county of the State.

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Promoting Long-Term
Affordability

Reaching Underserved
Populations

Producing Sustainable
Housing

Building Community Housing
Development Organization Capacity

HUD Region • Field Office

Region 1 • Boston Field Office

Home Units • Total Units

1,342 HOME units • 4,587 units

Home Funds • Total Funds

\$69.7 million HOME funds
(100% HOME funded)

Primary Funding Sources

- HOME CHDO operating funds: \$3.3 million
- MacArthur Foundation grant: \$2.6 million

Partners

- State of Vermont
- Vermont Housing and Conservation Board